

SECRET

anean

NEW SYRIAN ARMORED BRIGADE

ASH SHAYKH SHABAN MILITARY INSTALLATION, SYRIA

NEW SYRIAN ARMORED BRIGADE

HIMS

DAMASCUS

Dimashq

Z-13995 NPIC/IEG (9/83)

SECRET

25X1

SECRET

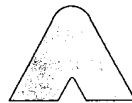
(Security Classification)



(See inside cover)

25X1

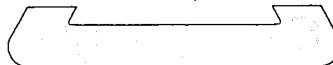
ROUTING			
TO:	NAME AND ADDRESS	DATE	INITIALS
1	ISD/VPB/BCS		
2			
3			
4			
	ACTION	DIRECT REPLY	PREPARE REPLY
	APPROVAL	DISPATCH	RECOMMENDATION
	COMMENT	FILE	RETURN
	CONCURRENCE	INFORMATION	SIGNATURE
REMARKS:			
PAPER PRINT			
FROM: NAME, ADDRESS, AND PHONE NO.			DATE
NPIC/LEG/TWED			9/83

CONTROL NO. Z-13995/83COPY 28 OF 30**Warning Notice**

Intelligence Sources or Methods Involved

NATIONAL SECURITY INFORMATION

Unauthorized Disclosure Subject to Criminal Sanctions

**SECRET**

(Security Classification)

Warning Notice
Intelligence Sources or Methods Involved
(WNINTEL) or (D)

NATIONAL SECURITY INFORMATION
Unauthorized Disclosure Subject to Criminal Sanctions

DISSEMINATION CONTROL ABBREVIATIONS

NOFORN-	Not Releasable to Foreign Nationals
NOCONTRACT-	Not Releasable to Contractors or Contractor/Consultants
PROPIN-	Caution-Proprietary Information Involved
ORCON-	Dissemination and Extraction of Information Controlled by Originator
REL . . .	This Information has been Authorized for Release to . . .

SECRET

25X1

(c) NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION CENTER

Page 1 of 1Attachment to Z-13995/83
NPIC/IEG (9/83)
28 SEPTEMBER 1983

Copy _____

NEW SYRIAN ARMORED BRIGADE
ASH SHAYKH SHABAN MILITARY INSTALLATION, SYRIA (SWN)

25X1

1. SIGNIFICANCE: A NEW SYRIAN ARMORED BRIGADE WAS IDENTIFIED IN NORTHWESTERN SYRIA NEAR THE SYRIAN-LEBANON BORDER ON IMAGERY (SWN)

25X1

2. REMARKS: A SYRIAN ARMORED BRIGADE WAS NEWLY IDENTIFIED ON IMAGERY IN NORTHWESTERN SYRIA AT 34-43-05N 036-05-35E, 30 NM WEST SOUTHWEST OF HIMS AND 5 NM NORTH OF THE LEBANON-SYRIAN BORDER. THE NEW ARMORED BRIGADE, DEPLOYED IN BATTALION-SIZE UNITS, CONSISTED OF THREE ARMORED BATTALIONS, ONE POSSIBLE INFANTRY BATTALION, ONE FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION, AND BRIGADE SUPPORT UNITS. FACILITIES, SUGGESTING SOME PERMANENCY IN THIS AREA, INCLUDED EIGHT SUPPORT BUILDINGS AND ONE LARGE AMMUNITIONS STORAGE REVETMENT. APPROXIMATELY 270 SQUAD-SIZE TENTS, AND NUMEROUS VEHICLE REVETMENTS WERE ALSO PRESENT. EQUIPMENT PRESENT INCLUDED AT LEAST 76 TANKS, 18 FIELD ARTILLERY PIECES (CALIBER UNKNOWN), AND AT LEAST 45 TRUCKS. THIS NEW ARMORED BRIGADE MAY HAVE BEEN PRESENT SINCE AT LEAST WHEN ONE TANK BATTALION COULD BE SEEN THROUGH HEAVY CLOUDS. (SWN)

25X1

ANALYST'S COMMENTS: THIS NEW BRIGADE MAY BE PART OF THE 11TH ARMORED DIVISION CURRENTLY BEING FORMED IN NORTHERN SYRIA. THE DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINDER OF THE 11TH ARMORED DIVISION IS AS FOLLOWS: THE 47TH ARMORED BRIGADE, UNDER THE OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF THE 10TH INFANTRY DIVISION, IS IN THE WESTERN PART OF THE BEKAA VALLEY; AN UNIDENTIFIED FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT, IS FORMING IN SYRIA AT HIMS ARMY BARRACKS HQ AND DEPOT IBN AL WALID; AND AN UNIDENTIFIED ARMORED BRIGADE, WHICH FORMED AT HAMAH ARMOR BRIGADE HQ IS CURRENTLY UNLOCATED. A MECHANIZED INFANTRY BRIGADE WHICH WOULD NORMALLY COMPLETE THE COMPLIMENT OF 11TH DIVISION MANEUVER ELEMENTS IS AS YET UNLOCATED. (SWN/)

25X1

25X1

25X1

3. COORDINATES 34-43-05N 036-05-35E (S)

25X1

25X1

These notes have been prepared for briefing purposes only and should not be used for detailed analytical work. Their use should be restricted to the particular briefing board(s) they were prepared for and must be considered valid only for the reporting period as indicated by the date of issue.

25X1

WARNING NOTICE
INTELLIGENCE SOURCES
OR METHODS INVOLVED

SECRET

25X1